

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 11, 12, and 20-25 are pending in this application, claims 11, 12, 20-22, and 24 having been rewritten in independent form, claims 9-10 and 18-19 having been cancelled herein, and claims 13-17 having been previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 13-17 will be cancelled upon allowance of the remaining claims. The Office Action mailed September 30, 2004 indicated that claims 11, 12, and 20-25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form if correction is made relative to the objection to claim 20. Inasmuch as claims 23 and 25 depend from now independent claims 11 and 20, respectively, claims 23 and 25 have not been rewritten in independent form herein. The claims and title have also been rewritten to change the spelling of "moulded" and "moulding" to "molded" and "molding," respectively. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

Drawing Objection

The Office Action additionally objected to the drawings as failing to show a second bellows. Accordingly, attached Figure 4 has been added, which shows first and second bellows, and corresponding commentary has been added in the specification.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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